

Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims is intended to supercede all previously filed listings of claims. Changes are shown with deletions in ~~striketrough~~ and additions underlined.

Kindly enter the following amendments to the claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A sports pole mounting structure, comprising:
a ~~an~~ in-ground sleeve, said ground sleeve configured to be mounted in the ground;
a support member mounted within said ~~in~~-ground sleeve;
a sports pole; and
a bracket attachable to said~~the~~ sports pole and engageable with said support member to support said~~the~~ sports pole and inhibit rotation of said~~the~~ sports pole;
wherein said bracket includes a first protrusion and a second protrusion, the first protrusion and the second protrusion being positioned to receive said support member between the first protrusion and the second protrusion.

Claim 2 (currently amended). The ~~A~~-sports pole mounting structure according to claim 1, wherein said bracket comprises a first piece and a second piece, the first piece and second piece are secured together around said~~the~~ sports pole and joined by fasteners located on opposite sides of said~~the~~ sports pole.

Claim 3 (cancelled).

Claim 4 (currently amended). The ~~A~~-sports pole mounting structure according to claim 13, wherein the ~~engagement member includes at least one protrusion for inhibiting rotation of~~ said~~the~~ sports pole, ~~wherein the at least one first protrusion and the second protrusion extends~~ substantially below the upper surface of the~~the~~ said support member such that the ~~at least one first protrusion and the second protrusion inhibits rotation of~~ said~~the~~ sports pole.

Claim 5 (cancelled).

Claim 6 (currently amended). The A-sports pole mounting structure according to claim 4, further comprising a collar having an aperture and at least one engagement section, the collar receiving said~~the~~ sports pole through the aperture and the collar being positionable on said~~the~~ sports pole above said bracket such that the at least one engagement section is engageable with said ~~in~~-ground sleeve.

Claim 7 (currently amended). The A-sports pole mounting structure according to claim 6, wherein the collar further comprises at least two engagement sections of different sizes.

Claim 8 (currently amended). The A-sports pole mounting structure according to claim 6, wherein said~~the~~ sports pole supports a basketball goal.

Claim 9 (currently amended). The A-sports pole mounting structure according to claim 6, wherein said~~the~~ sports pole supports a volleyball net.